

How to determine light attenuation of red light using an optical power meter



Overview

Optical attenuation compares input and output power on a logarithmic scale. When powers are in linear units, the loss in decibels is: $\text{Attenuation (dB)} = 10 \times \log_{10} (\text{Pin} / \text{Pout})$ If the link length L is provided, the attenuation coefficient is: $\text{Coefficient (dB/km)} = \frac{\text{Attenuation (dB)}}{L}$. Analyze optical power drop across fibers and links. Switch units, lengths, and calculation modes easily. Needed when attenuation is an. Optical power, required for measuring source power, receiver power and, when used with a test source, loss or attenuation, is the most important parameter and is required for almost every fiber optic test. Backscatter and wavelength measurements are the next most important and bandwidth or. Optical power meters are a key element in the optimization and maintenance of such optical networks and of their components. But, for designers, just starting to work in the fiber-optic design space, measuring attenuation can seem like a monumental task.



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